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NURSE SHORTAGE

Dr. Sleath Asks Residents' Aid

Declaring that the shortage of nurses' aides at the hospital is creating a situation that is getting more critical daily, Dr. Jack C. Sleath, chief medical officer, appealed directly to the residents yesterday to help allay the shortage.

He declared that unless the number of nurses' aides is increased immediately, the residents will have to take care of their sick at home.

"With the present number of nurses' aides the hospital will only be able
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ALL ELIGIBLE FOR LEAVE GRANT

"Men who have had their pre-induction physical examinations and desire to relocate themselves or families on indefinite leave will be given leave assistant grants on the same basis as grants are approved for other evacuees," teletyped Director Dillon Myer to Gila on March 7.

No special leave restrictions are placed upon men who are awaiting call to active military duties. It is only necessary that such men exercise extreme caution in keeping their draft boards notified of their whereabouts.

Names Arrive For Next Group

The first of the list of men to receive their pre-induction physical examinations in April have arrived, announced Henry C. Freeland, leave officer. Preliminary examinations will be given to the second group in the same manner as that of the first group.

The schedule for the
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DRAFT AGE NISEI PETITION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

A petition requesting equal privileges and opportunities for nisei in any branch of the Army and Navy was drawn up Tuesday by several nisei residents, who are eligible for induction in the Army.

Copies of the petition have been placed at the block 52 manager's office and the Canal administration building for signatures. All residents who are eligible for induction may sign the petition at the two locations tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday.

The petition, addressed to the Rivers community councils, reads as follows:

We the undersigned, being American citizens of the Japanese ancestry eligible for induction in the Army, herewith make the following declaration and petitions, and request that these be considered and forwarded to appropriate authorities, in such a manner as you deem best.

1. We gladly accept the reinstatement of selective service for Japanese Americans because it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate our loyalty to our country.

2. We request that, when inducted into the armed services, we be granted the same privileges and opportunities as other Americans, including the right to serve in any branch of the Army or Navy, including the Air Forces, according to our abilities.

3. We request further that Japanese Americans be not segregated into Japanese American units. We recognize the services that have been rendered by the Japanese American combat units, in that they have demonstrated the loyalty and courage of the group; but now we request that we be mingled with other Americans in all

services so that our abilities may be utilized to the utmost.

4. We finally petition those in authority for assistance in the early restoration of all our Constitutional guarantees.

Rivers, Arizona, March 7, 1944.

RED CROSS

CANAL BEGINS DRIVE NEXT WEEK

Canal's Red Cross Drive will begin sometime next week with the aid of block managers, stated Karl Iwanaga, executive secretary.

The Red Cross Board consists of Hiratsuka, Yanagihara, Sasaki, and Iida. The estimated total budget for 1944 is \$600.00.

The financial statement for the past year was released by Iwanaga. Receipts from last year's drive totaled \$1135.00 and disbursement amounted to \$668.51, leaving a balance of \$466.49. The disbursements are as follows:

Contribution to headquarters, \$380; local hospital service, \$114.49; first aid and medical supplies, \$58.50; service to soldiers, \$9.33; stationary, stamps, telegrams, \$30.78; motion picture, \$13.91; typewriter service, \$6; Tule Lake Red Cross as Canal transferee's portions, \$50; miscellaneous, \$5.50.

GROUP GATHERING MUST BE OKAYED

Some groups are still putting on socials and other group gatherings without notifying the CAS or getting an okay from the fire department. It is imperative that all such gatherings be reported to the CAS, stated Joe Shigozane, community activities director.